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HISTORICAL NOTES

THE RETREAT. Referring to the account of the Retreat plantation in the article on Charleston and Charleston Neck in the January 1918 Number of this *Magazine*, the following notice from the *S. C. and American General Gazette* for 9 December 1774 will be of interest as showing that the brick house on the property when it was transferred to the U. S. Government was probably not prerevolutionary although it may have been rebuilt on the old walls. "On Saturday last the elegant Seat near Cooper River, called the "Retreat, belonging to the estate of the late Thomas Loughton "Smith was burnt down by accident. Happily no lives were lost, "and all the Furniture was saved."

South-Carolina Almanack, 1759—Mr. Henry S. Holmes has presented to this Society a copy of *The South-Carolina Almanack for the year 1759*, by John Tobler, Esq. South-Carolina, Charles-Town, Printed and Sold by Peter Timothy at his Printing-Office in Trady Street. This is the earliest Almanac we have with a South Carolina imprint (see "South Carolina Almanacs," this *Magazine*, vol. XV, p. 73). It contains, besides the usual Almanac matter, a Preface to the Reader, from the Publisher. Court Days, Fairs (first Tuesday in May, and second Tuesday in October in Shem-Town, Ashley River, Second Tuesday in April, and Third Tuesday in October, at Dorchester-Town. Third Tuesday in May, and First Tuesday in November, at Childsburg.) Account of the Seneka Rattle-Snake Root, with directions for curing the Pleurisy. Published in the *Virginia Gazette* by Dr John Tannant. Cure for bites of a Rattle-snake, discovered by Sampson, a negro, for which discovery the Province purchased his freedom, and gave him an annuity. The negro Caesar's cure for poison. Mr. Howard's receipt for Yaws, Lame—Distemper, Scurvy, Rheumatism &c. for which the Gen. Assembly Allowed him £3000. Table of Simple Interest at eight per cent. Table of Roads, taken from a general Map of the Middle British Colonies in America, published by the ingenious Mr. Lewis Evans, deceased. List of English Governors in North America. Roads North-eastward and South-west-ward.